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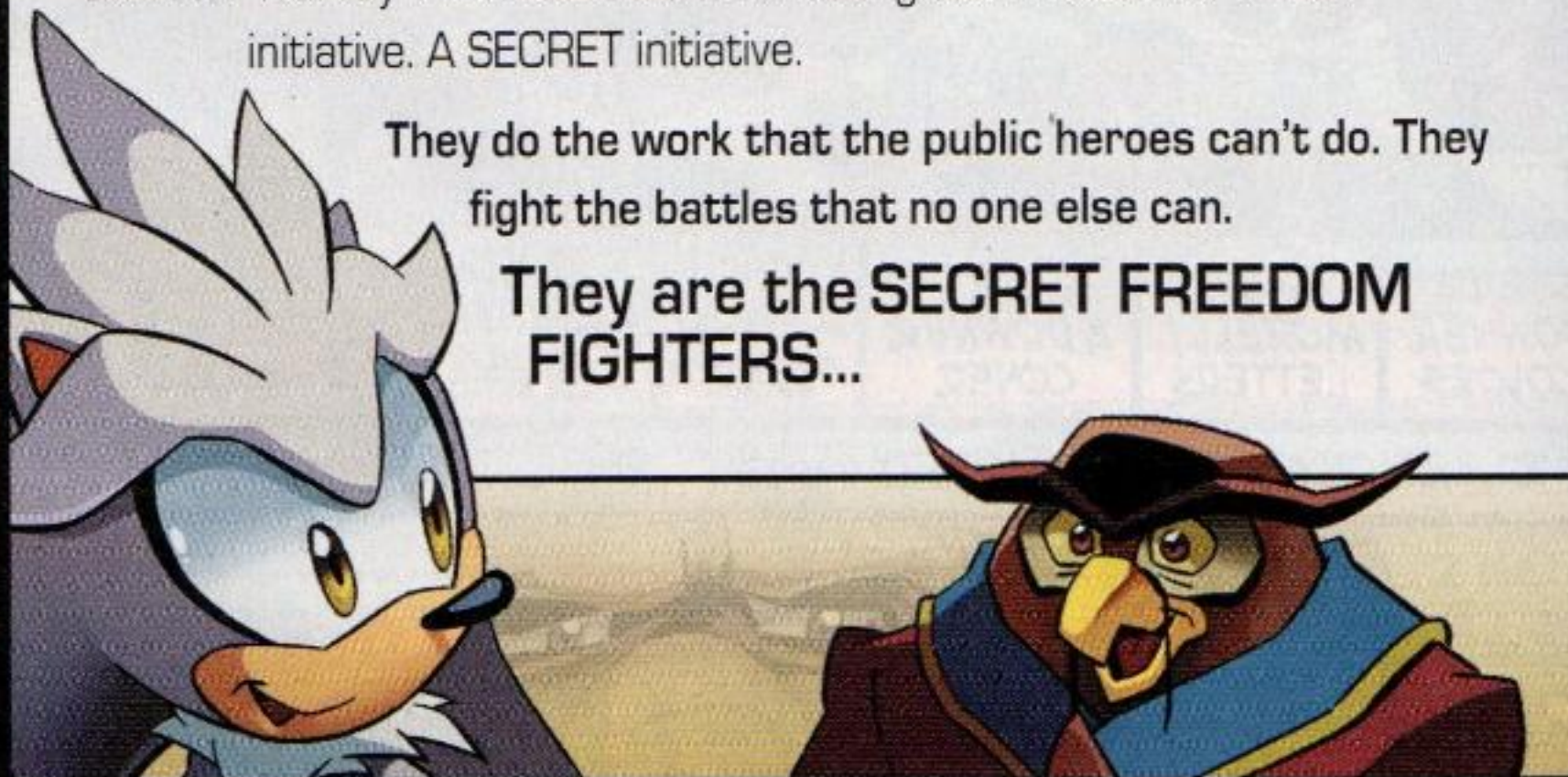
Sonic the Hedgehog's home city continues to reel following the devastating attacks of Dr. Eggman. These attacks have lead to the destruction of the city's heroes, the Freedom Fighters.

To make matters worse, the city has also been attacked from within! The evil wizard Ixis Naugus, and his apprentice Geoffrey St. John, have usurped the crown of Acorn, and driven the former King Elias Acorn and his family into exile! King Naugus has used his dark magic to turn the tide of public opinion in his favor, but such an unstable and evil ruler has put the entire kingdom and its people in jeopardy.

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--CALL SIGN "ACE"



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REFORMED METAL SONIC
--CALL SIGN "JACK"



LARRY LYNX
SUPER-JINX
--CALL SIGN "JOKER"



**GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN**
TRAITOR AND
IXIS APPRENTICE

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SOLMERCA

HOW'S IT
HANGING,
BUDDY?

F-F-FINE! ARE
W-W-WE THERE
Y-Y-YET?

The

BIG GUNS!

IT'S
BEGINNING
TO FEEL LIKE
I SPEND MORE
TIME HERE
THAN IN MY
OWN TIME-
LINE...

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FLYNN
WRITER

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YARDLEY/
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... BUT IF IT MEANS
SAVING EVERYONE,
I'LL DO WHATEVER
IT TAKES!

**SILVER THE
HEDGEHOG**
-- CALL SIGN
"ACE"
TIME-
TRAVELER

BEN BATES - SKETCH VARIANT COVER

"EVEN JOIN THESE
"SECRET FREEDOM
FIGHTERS"!"

HOURS EARLIER,
AT SECRET H.Q....

...AND OUR INFORMANT
ON THE COUNCIL SAYS ST.
JOHN IS BOUND FOR SOU-
MERCA. WE MUST KNOW
WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT
THAT NAUGUS WOULD
SEND HIS ERRAND BOY
SO FAR FROM HIS
SIDE.

HARVEY WHO
DIRECTOR OF
THE S.F.F.

AGENT ACE WILL LEAD THE TEAM
TRACKING ST. JOHN AND SECURE
A TRACKING DEVICE SO WE KNOW
HIS MOVEMENTS IN THE FUTURE.
AGENT KING WILL LEAD THE
TEAM TO INVESTIGATE NAUGUS.

REMEMBER: ANONYMITY IS YOUR
FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE, SO USE
YOUR CALL SIGNS AT ALL TIMES.

ANY QUESTIONS?

ER...
MORE LIKE
A REMINDER...

I REMEMBER OUR DEAL.
WHILE YOU'RE AWAY, I WILL
BE GOING OVER YOUR NOTES
AND WILL IDENTIFY THE
"TRAITOR" YOU'RE HUNT-
ING FOR. YOU SCRATCH
MY BACK, I SCRATCH
YOURS.

R-RIGHT.

JUST
MAKING
SURE.

WINDY VALLEY--
SOLMERCA

THAT'S OUR
TARGET'S
AIRBOARD.

I GUESS HE'S
BELOW.

OKAY! THIS
IS GOING TO
BE RISKY.

STAND
BACK!

KLIK

Whew!/
THERE! TRACKER
ATTACHED! OH, MAN,
THAT WAS SO
DANGEROUS
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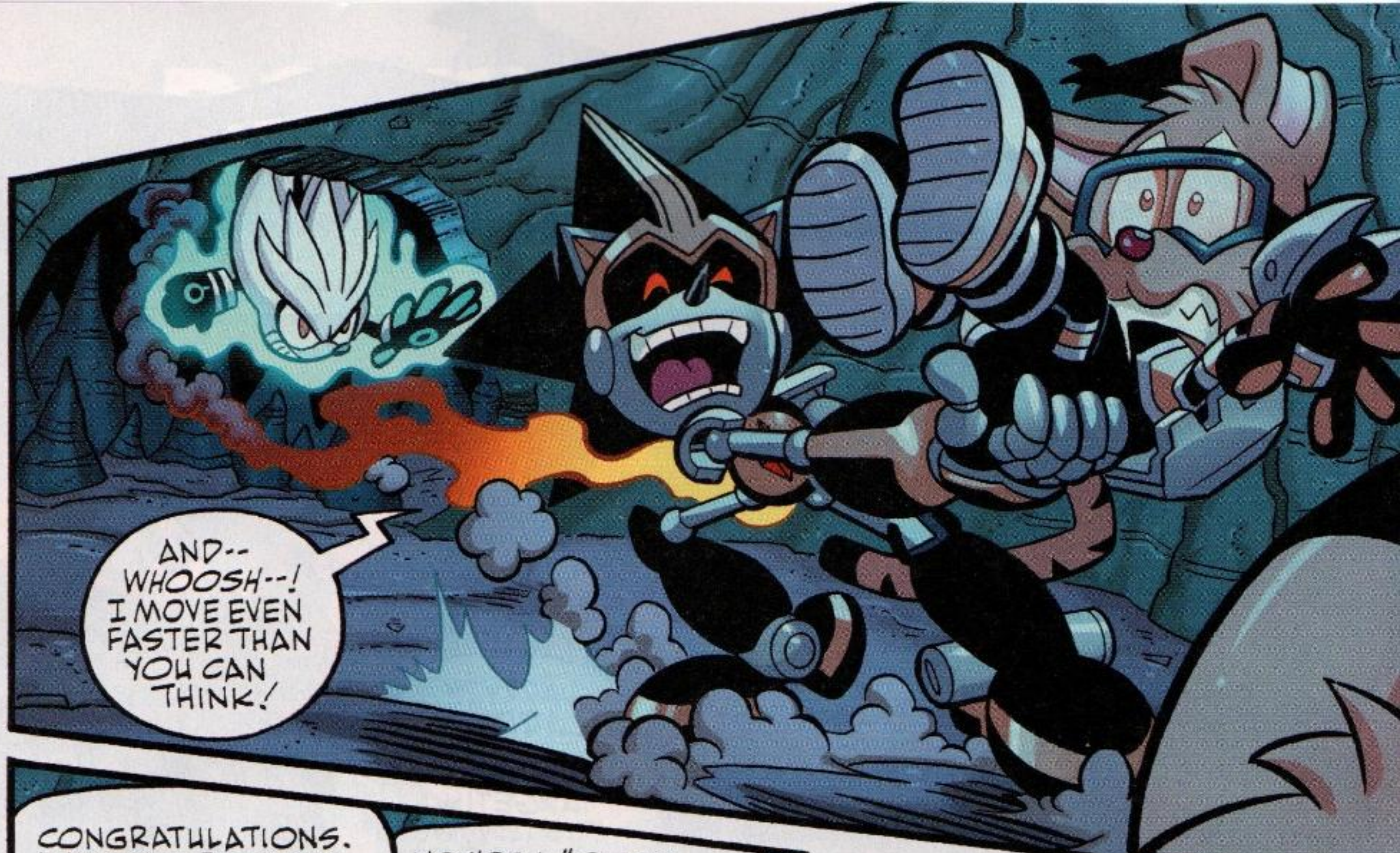
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AAAAA
EEEEEE





AND--
WHOOSH---!
I MOVE EVEN
FASTER THAN
YOU CAN
THINK!



CONGRATULATIONS.
AND NOW, BETWEEN
HIS SCREAMING
AND YOUR ENGINE,
ST. JOHN WILL
KNOW WE'RE
HERE.!

YOU'RE A "GLASS
HALF-EMPTY" TYPE OF
GUY, AREN'T YOU?

WHY
WOULD
YOU
BUILD
A DEATH
TRAP THAT
LEADS INTO
A DEATH
TRAP?

TO KEEP
THIS PLACE
A SECRET
FROM
EVERY-
ONE...

STEP
BACK,
BUD.
YOU'VE
TRIPPED
ENOUGH
TODAY.

I'M SORRY!
I DON'T REALLY
HAVE FULL CONTROL
OVER MY JINXES.

ABOUT THAT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND. DO YOU HAVE POWERS LIKE ME?

NOT EXACTLY.

BAD STUFF JUST... HAPPENS AROUND ME. SOMETIMES I CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN TO THE ENEMY, OTHER TIMES...

LARRY?!
LARRY?!

I'M SORRY! THE TARGETING SYSTEM WENT HAYWIRE FOR SOME REASON!

"THINGS JUST SEEMED TO KEEP FALLING APART. MY TEAM HAD DISBANDED... I TRIED TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, BUT MY BALLOT BOX SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTED. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF, UNTIL...

GYAH!

"...TURNED INTO GREAT LUCK!"

OH! H-HELLO, THERE! UM... LET ME EXPLAIN...

hmm... NO.

ALLOW ME.

WHUMP

"...A BIT OF BAD LUCK..."

LARRY LYNX, CORRECT? FORMER FIELD LEADER OF THE SUBSTITUTE LEGION?*

MMM... TELL ME, SON, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE THIS CITY SAFE AGAIN?

Y-YES, SIR. BUT NOBODY SEEMS TO REMEMBER THAT.

I BELIEVE I COULD USE SOMEONE WITH YOUR UNIQUE TALENTS.

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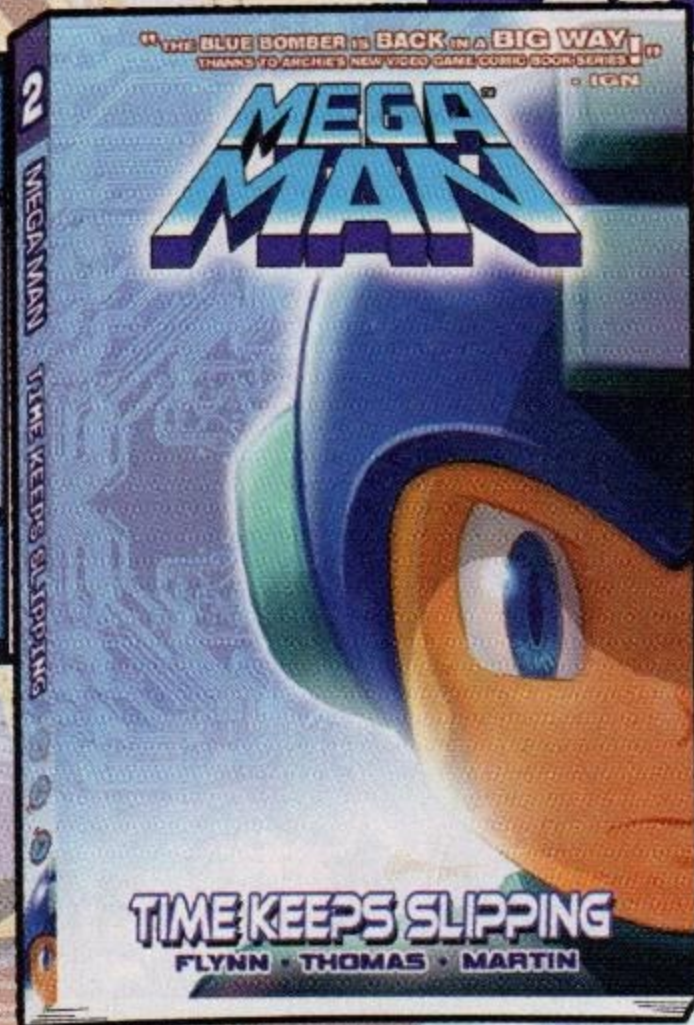
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DECIDED TO SEND
YOU-- SOMEONE
WHO CAUSES
RANDOM THINGS
TO GO WRONG--
ON SENSITIVE
SPY MISSIONS?

COUGH I KNOW WHO THE
TRAITOR IS! COUGH
'SCUSE ME WHILE I LEAP
TO CONCLUSIONS IN A
SINGLE BOUND! COUGH

HACK
COUGH

Ahem!

THE DIRECTOR
IS HELPING ME
WITH THAT.

I KNOW HE
IS, HOT-SHOT.

HE'S ALSO
GIVING ME
AND LARRY
A SECOND
SHOT WITH
HIS LITTLE
SPY TEAM.

MIGHT WANT TO
KEEP THAT IN MIND
SINCE THIS IS
YOUR-- WHAT?
--FOURTH?

HEY!
I'M TRYING
TO SAVE YOUR
TIME-PERIOD!

AND
LARRY'S BEEN
FIGHTING FOR IT
SINCE BEFORE
YOU WERE
BORN!

THAT'S
BECAUSE I'M
FROM THE
FUTURE!

HEY
GUYS?

ACE? JACK?
WE'VE GOT
SOMETHING
UP AHEAD.

NOPE. NOT
SUSPICIOUS
AT ALL.



NADA.

BUT IF IT'S OLD
OR RUDIMENTARY
ENOUGH, MY SCANS
MIGHT NOT PICK IT UP.

THEN IT
LOOKS LIKE
IT'S UP TO
ME!

LA-- JOKER!
WAIT!
I CAN
JUST--!





TRAP!!

TING

TING

TING

TING

RUMMBLE

SOMETHING SET
OFF THE FIRST ROUND
OF TRAPS...

AND I'M THE
FIRST BLOKE TO
STEP FOOT IN
HERE IN
CENTURIES...

SOMEHOW, I
DOUBT THAT'S
A COINCIDENCE.

BETTER
MOVE QUICK
SO I SEE THEM
BEFORE THEY
SEE ME.

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
SPY & IXIS APPRENTICE

WHAT EVER
HAPPENED TO A
GOOD OL' FASHIONED
PIT OF SPIKES?

THE BALLS
HAVE SPIKES.

HOW IS
ANYONE SUPP-
POSED TO GET
PAST THAT?!

THEY'RE
NOT, UNLESS
THEY HAVE
SKILLS LIKE
NAUGUS.

BUT MY POWERS
CAN HOLD THEM
ALL IN PLACE,
SO WE CAN...

YEAH...

BUT THE
ONES IN
THE PIT
DIDN'T
MOVE.

HOLD THAT
THOUGHT. SUPERIOR
TECHNOLOGY COMIN'
THROUGH.

BLAM

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CHANK

KRASH

JUST MAKING
YOUR JOB EASIER,
ACE.

BLOWING
THINGS UP
AND ALERT-
ING OUR
TARGET
DOESN'T
HELP,
JACK.

MEH.

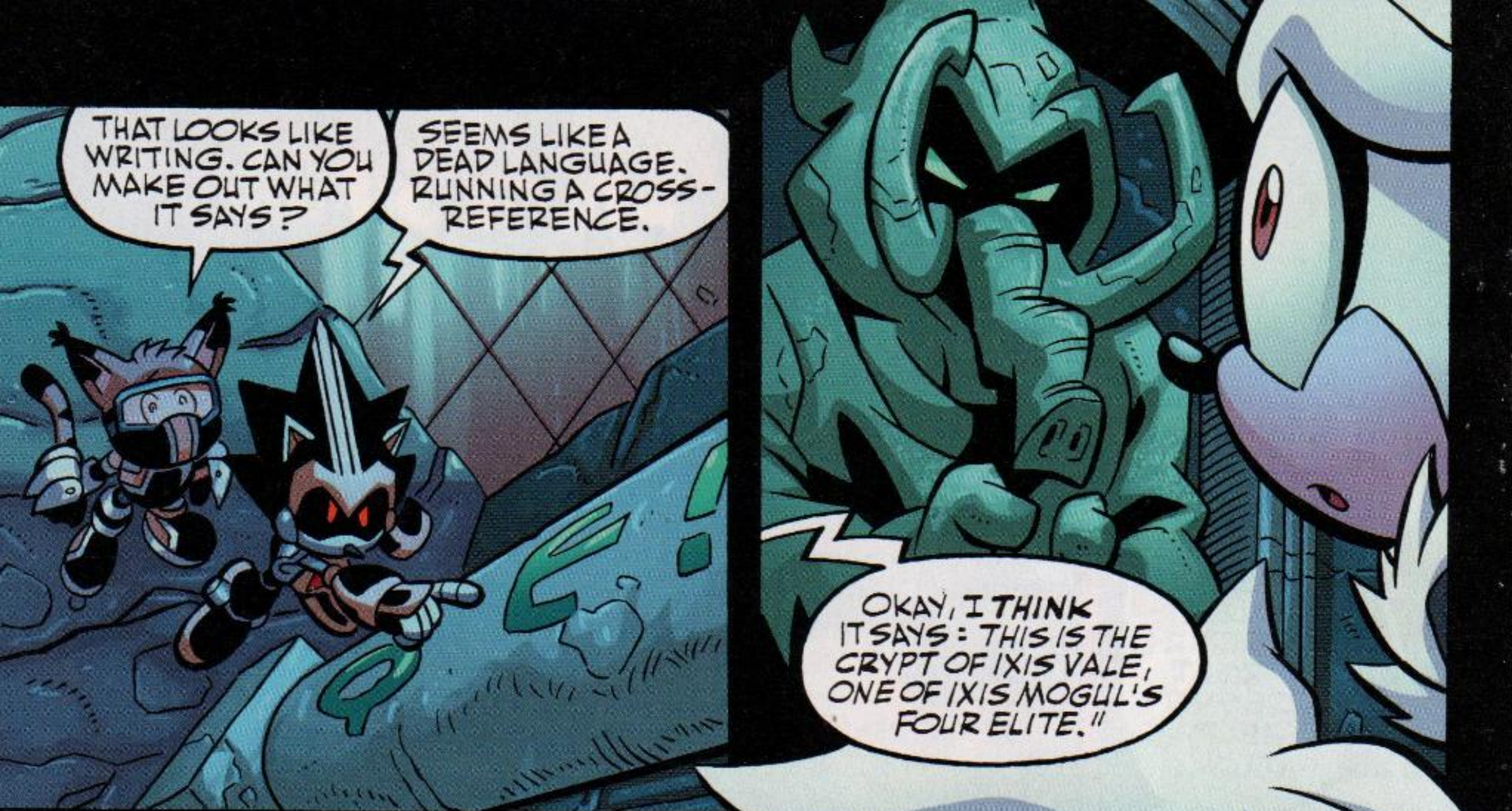
WE BLEW
THAT ANGLE
OF THE
MISSION A
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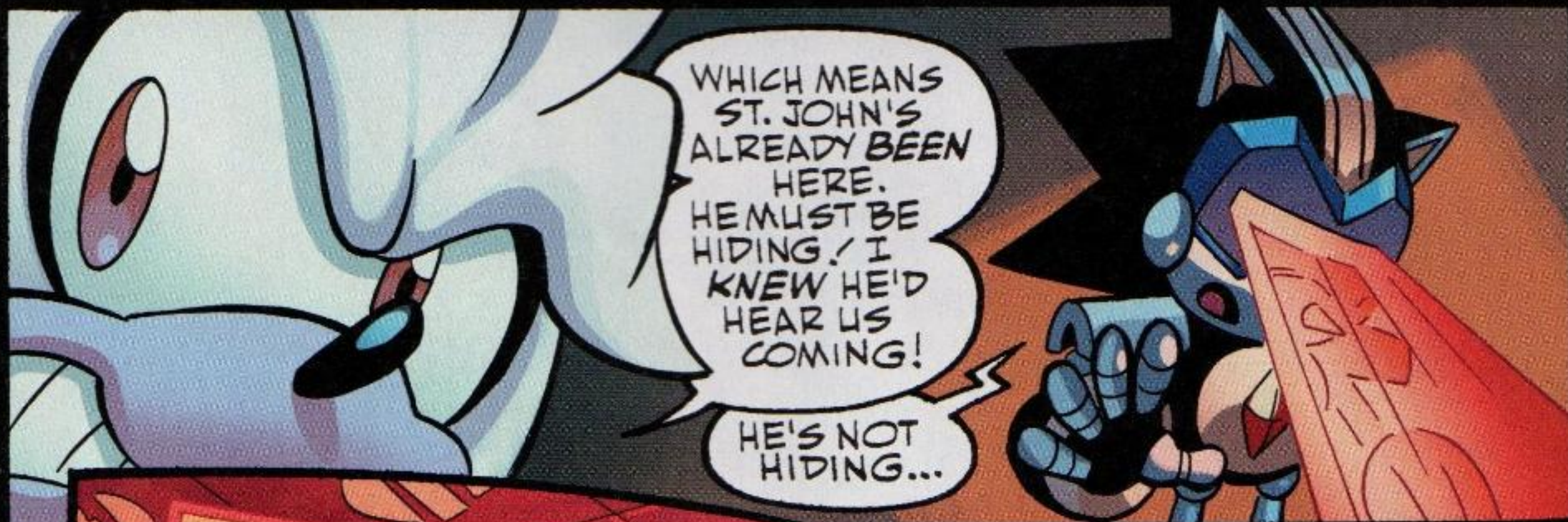


CLEAR
ON THE
LEFT.



CLEAR
RIGHT.





WHICH MEANS
ST. JOHN'S
ALREADY BEEN
HERE.
HE MUST BE
HIDING. I
KNEW HE'D
HEAR US
COMING!

HE'S NOT
HIDING...



...HE'S ALREADY
GONE. I GOT
FRESH TRACKS!



I'VE
GOT
HIM!

JACK!
WAIT!



HE'S FAST, BUT
NOT THAT FAST!

THEN WE NEED
A SHORT CUT.
HE MUST'VE
SLIPPED
RIGHT PAST
US, SO IF WE
CAME IN HERE,
AND THEN THE
PASSAGE LEADS
LIKE SO...



...THAT PUTS
HIM ABOUT
THERE!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?





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I SEE HIM!

FREEZE!!

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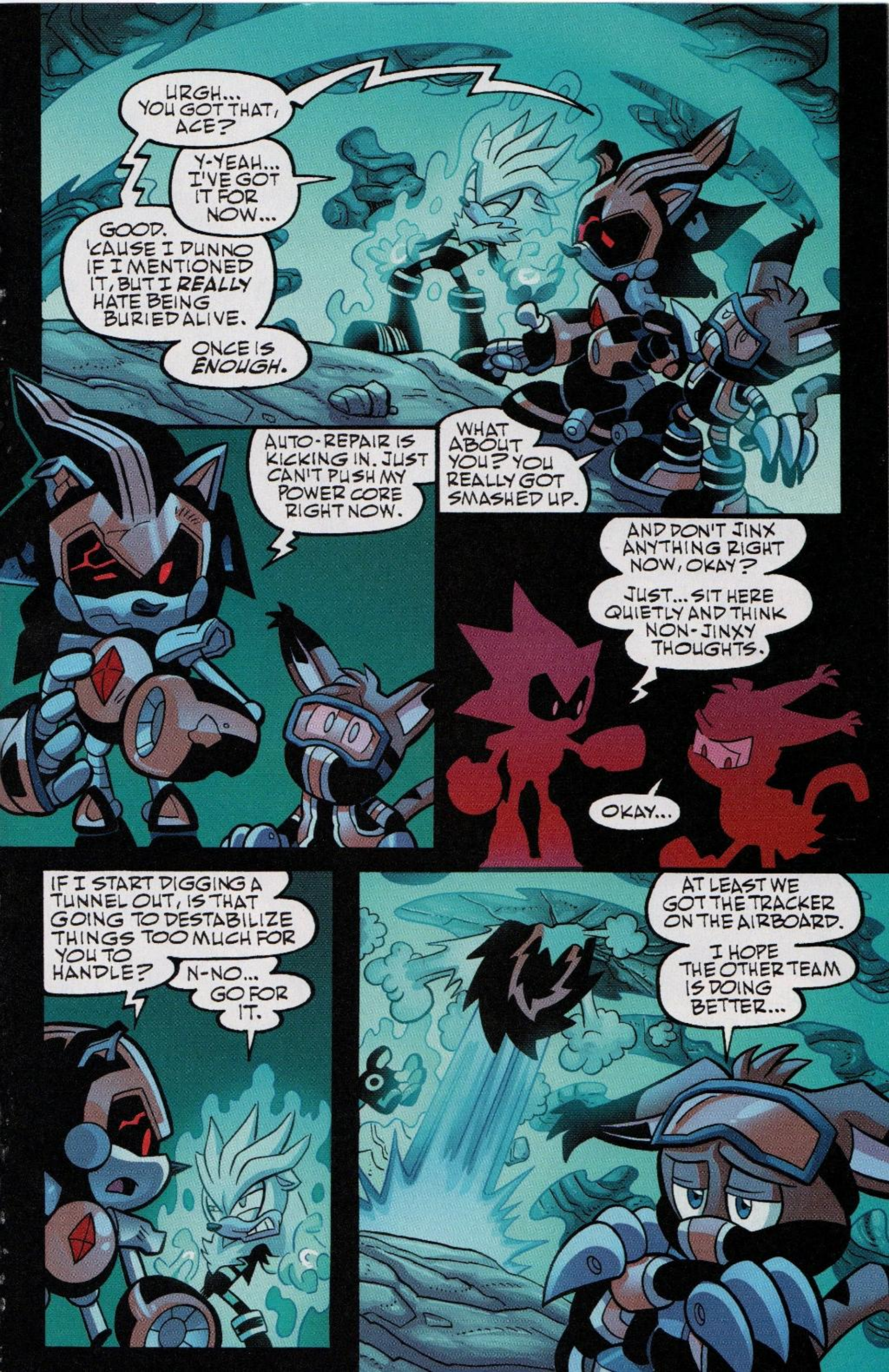
BOOM!

THWIP



⌈GASP!⌋ OVERDID IT
A TAD ⌈GASP!⌋ WITH
THE MAGIC ⌈GASP!⌋
⌈PANT!⌋ THAT
WAS TOO CLOSE!
⌈PANT!⌋





URGH...
YOU GOT THAT,
ACE?

Y-YEAH...
I'VE GOT
IT FOR
NOW...

GOOD.
'CAUSE I DUNNO
IF I MENTIONED
IT, BUT I REALLY
HATE BEING
BURIED ALIVE.

ONCE IS
ENOUGH.

AUTO-REPAIR IS
KICKING IN. JUST
CAN'T PUSH MY
POWER CORE
RIGHT NOW.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU? YOU
REALLY GOT
SMASHED UP.

AND DON'T JINX
ANYTHING RIGHT
NOW, OKAY?

JUST... SIT HERE
QUIETLY AND THINK
NON-JINXY
THOUGHTS.

OKAY...

IF I START DIGGING A
TUNNEL OUT, IS THAT
GOING TO DESTABILIZE
THINGS TOO MUCH FOR
YOU TO
HANDLE?

N-NO...
GO FOR
IT.

AT LEAST WE
GOT THE TRACKER
ON THE AIRBOARD.

I HOPE
THE OTHER TEAM
IS DOING
BETTER...

MEANWHILE, FAR AWAY FROM
SILVER AND HIS TEAM...

WHAT THE--?
THERE WASN'T A
BRANCHING
PATH HERE
BEFORE!



HE'S
RESHAPING
THE CAVE
TO TRAP
US!

SPLIT UP!
STICK TO ONE
WALL, AND DOUBLE-
BACK IF YOU HIT A
DEAD END!

WHY DID YOU
HAVE TO SAY
"DEAD
END"...





≡PANT!≡

≡PANT!≡

≡PANT!≡

YOU CANNOT
HIDE, INTRUDERS!
THERE IS **NO**
ESCAPE!

THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE! CHECK BACK NEXT TIME FOR ELIAS' TEAM'S MISSION--WHICH MAY BE THEIR LAST! FOR MORE GREAT **SECRET FF ACTION**, CHECK OUT CURRENT ISSUES OF **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

the SONIC SPIN

it's editorial commentary, should you choose to accept it!

SECRET AAAAGENT TEAM!

Welcome back, Sonic-fans! This issue is chock-full of specialness! Not only is it the beginning of the brand-new arc, SECRET FREEDOM, and not only does it mark the return of SU artist Tracy Yardley!, but this issue makes Sonic Universe the longest running Sonic comics spin-off title ever!

It was a labor of love, and hats off to then-editor (now-President) Mike Pellerito for launching this series to such heights! Most importantly, thanks to all of you fans who made this series a success, and we look forward to bringing you all more great stories AND setting all kinds of other records with SU in the future!

And speaking of specialty items, make sure y'all head on down to San Diego Comic Con on the weekend of July 13th, 2012 to pick up your copy of the convention-exclusive Sonic Universe #41 variant cover! Celebrate our record-busting issue in style with a sketch cover by Sonic super-star Ben Bates! Only at SDCC!

ORIGINAL CONCEPT COVER FOR SU #41 (ABOVE). THIS ISSUE'S COVER IS INSPIRED BY THE BOX ART FROM THE SEGA VIDEO GAME "SONIC RIVALS" FOR THE PSP! (BELOW)



PICK UP THE SDCC EXCLUSIVE SKETCH VARIANT COVER BY BEN BATES! (TOP) SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTER COSTUME CONCEPT ARTWORK BY TRACY YARDLEY BASED ON CONCEPT ART BY IAN FLYNN AND ALEAH BAKER! (RIGHT)

SEE YA NEXT MONTH!
- Paul



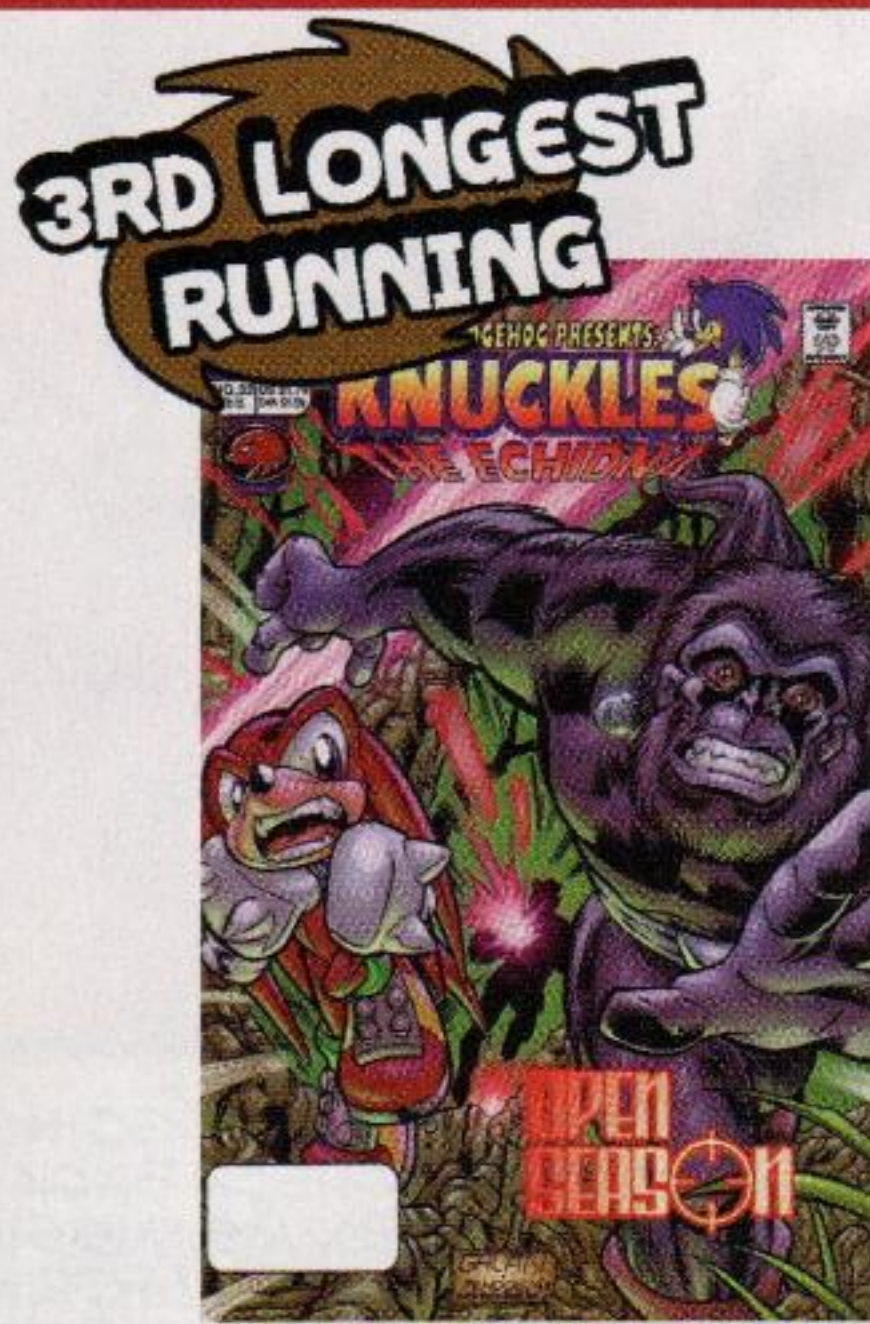
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Ha ha! I've got it!

Negative, rodent. I've got-

Think again, sugar-queen! I've-

Nice try, babe!

I'm on your side!

Watch your back, mate! Now I've got-

BLIMEY!!!

HEY, KIDS!

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THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS!



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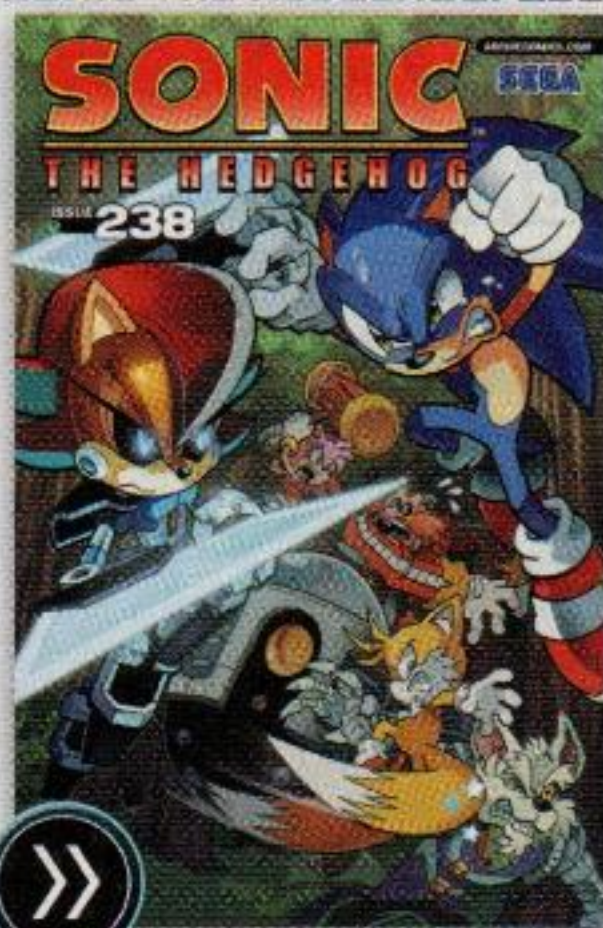
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**THE FIGHT
RAGES ON!**

SONIC BETTER STEP ON IT, OR
ELSE LUPE IS LIKELY TO GET
LEGIONIZED IN...

"LOYALTY PART 2"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 07/10/12

Dear 'My Sonic
Universe,'

Hello I'm Jada and I love Sonic Universe. I've been reading ever since the Silver Saga started and I'm the biggest Tracy Yardley fan! So can you give him a big hug from me?

Jada T.

sent to sonic@
archiecomics.com

**How about a well-
deserved high five?
NOW THAT--that I can
do!**

Dear 'My Sonic
Universe,'

Given the current look of ads for this series, am I to understand that, as I write this, at the end of Scrambled, Sonic Universe is now halfway through its life cycle and we can all look forward to 3 & 1/2 more years of it?

John S.

sent to sonic@
archiecomics.com

Hiya, John! I do believe you're referring to the designated "blank" spots on the SU arcs ad! Well, you'll be happy to know that Sonic Universe only has a life-cycle as long as you fans keep reading! So hopefully 3 1/2 years from now, we'll need to re-evaluate the look of that ad!

Dear 'My Sonic

Universe,'

Just recently started collecting and reading the Sonic Comics.

Welcome welcome!

I was not aware of their existence in their original run in the 90s, and I must say I like them a lot. I've started collecting and reading the Archives from the very beginning, but I've run into a bit of a snag.

Uh-oh...

I'm sure you've heard this question a million times before, but it's new to me. Why aren't the Sally and Tails Mini Series in any of the Archives or Collections? I'm not buying these comics as collector's items, but as reading material. I'm missing out on huge chunks of the story, and the editors notes in the main comic series reference the miniseries quite frequently, frequently enough that I've stopped reading the main storyline entirely until I can get my hands on at least Princess Sally's and Tails' miniseries stories.

Ah yes, I too faced this problem when trying to read-through the entire Sonic series! Fear not, the Sally and Tails mini-series will BOTH be collected in upcoming volumes

**of the Sonic Select
Graphic Novel
series! So there!**

What I really don't want to do is hunt up an expensive original edition and devalue it by removing it from its plastic wrapping and thumbing through it while reading it. That's what the Archives are for, right?

Right!

Anyway, if you have heard this question a million times before, I'm sure you have a stock answer prepared. Or maybe, the million-and-first question will be enough to convince you it might be a good idea. Either way, I await a reply.

**Sincerely,
New Comic Fan**

sent to sonic@
archiecomics.com

**And a reply ye
shall receive!**

**And that, faithful
Sonic comic fans,
concludes the
letters column
to our RECORD-
SETTING 41st
issue of Sonic
Universe!**

**SEE Y'ALL NEXT
MONTH!**

**And thanks to
all you fans out
there who keep
this series going
strong!**

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We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!

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